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Well, this is it. We're finally seniors, after thirteen long years of classroom lectures, homework, and exams. What have we learned after all these years? Sure, we learned how to find the sine of pi, how to conjugate the Spanish verb *ser* in seven tenses, and how to use the number of atoms in a mole, but how many of us will apply this information in our daily lives of the future?

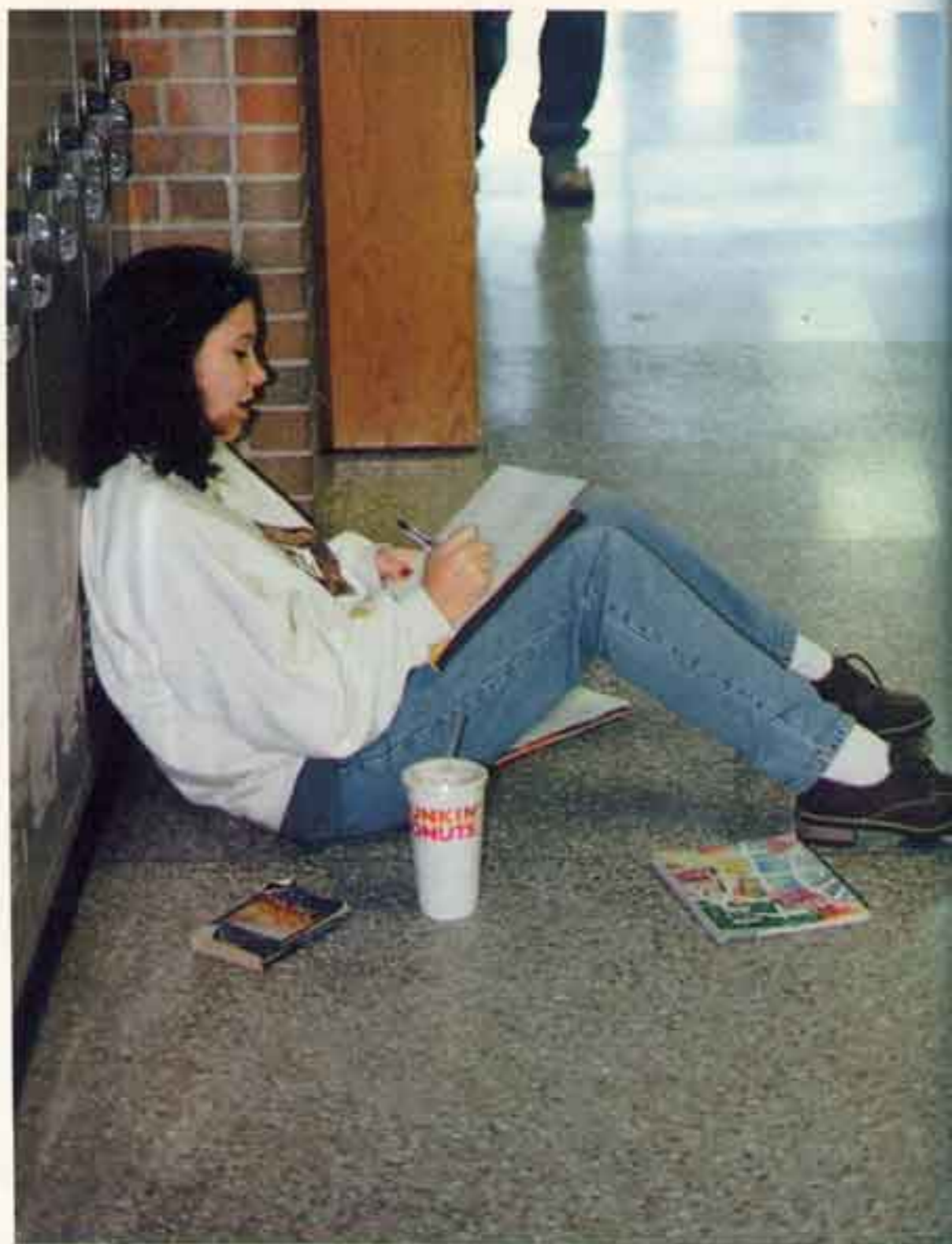
Have we gained insights to life by spending our entire youths sitting in uncomfortable desks, listening to teachers ramble for hours on end? Though possible, it is not likely. Sometimes, the most useful and practical information can only be learned outside of the classroom—we must live our lives to learn the secrets contained therein. Heather Takagi has learned that "hard work is essential to success," while James Kenneth Harris has observed that "the blur of life distorts the perfection of reality." These insights are the keys that have unlocked many doors for them, enabling them to reach their personal goals and to see life from a new perspective.

Adam Clark realizes that "there is more to school than fact memorization; socialization is important in its own respect." He says, "It is important to try everything once—don't let previous impressions stand in the way of giving something a chance," while he advises us not to "put off tomorrow's aspirations until tomorrow—begin them today."

By listening to what others have to say about life, we learn more about their values. Nick Rose has discovered the importance of individuality, and high on his list of beliefs is, "Don't worry about what everyone else thinks, as long as you like yourself."

Each person that enters high school, and life in general, will come out with a unique set of values and insights. Although it is important to discover life for yourself, it is wise to share your insights with others, and to gain from their intuition and experiences.

• Monica Takagi



Start your day the Dunkin' way—Erica Romblom wisely uses her time before the first bell to finish her homework. With school supplies strewn all over the floor, she hastily completes her assignment to ensure that it will be turned in on time.